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ACTIVITIES
in the
RYUKYU ISLANDS

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SECTION 1

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE

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PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

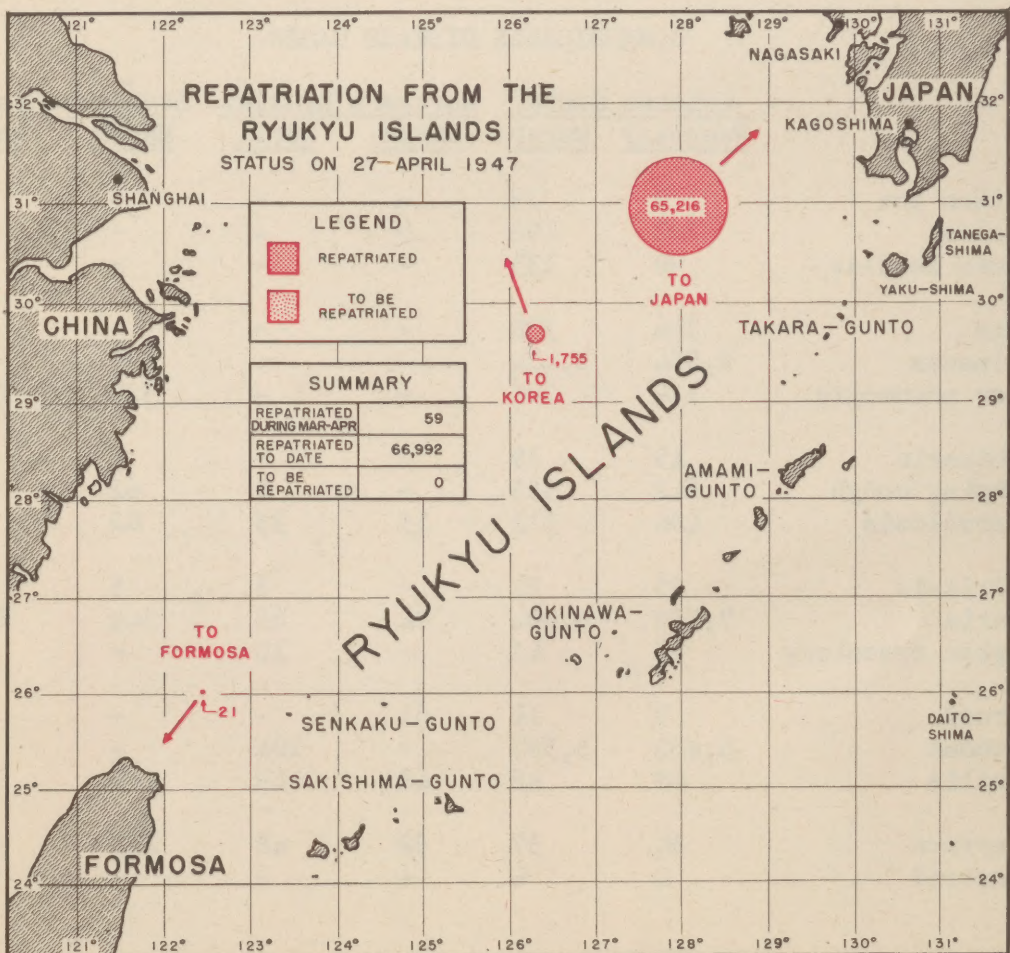
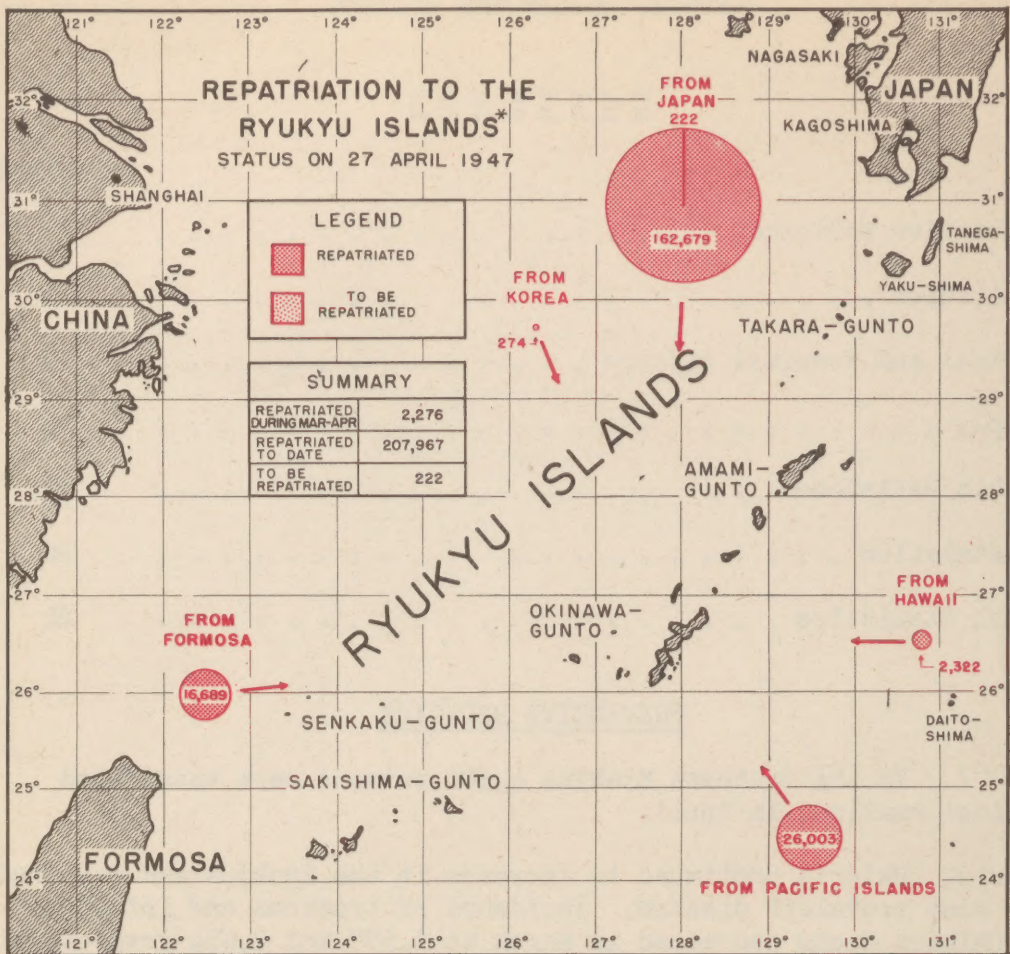
1. In the Southern Ryukyus 4,900 persons were vaccinated against smallpox in April.

2. Malaria continued to increase in the Ryukyus and remained the most prevalent disease. Incidence of trachoma and influenza on Okinawa Gunto decreased in March to 5,597 and 2,414 respectively.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CASES

	<u>Okinawa Gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u>		<u>Southern Ryukyus</u>	
	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Chicken pox	9	39	-	-	-	-
Measles	100	192	-	-	-	-
German measles	98	133	-	-	-	-
Mumps	316	308	-	-	-	-
Influenza	2,554	2,414	-	-	5	44
Lobar pneumonia	144	205	-	-	328	196
Diphtheria	15	19	2	-	-	-
Whooping cough	642	555	-	4	62	59
Tuberculosis	486	312	15	35	62	17
Filariasis	25	27	-	3	5	15
Malaria	7,359	8,064	24	63	344	514
Amoebic dysentery	57	45	-	10	-	4
Leprosy	7	11	61	-	-	1
Trachoma	6,402	5,597	-	104	-	53
Syphilis	68	48	41	49	49	27
Gonorrhea	34	37	92	48	113	52
Chancroid	4	4	-	2	-	-

REPATRIATION



* 42 RYUKYUANS WERE REPATRIATED FROM THE USSR IN THE WEEK ENDING 29 DECEMBER.
SOURCE: RYKOM MG.

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SANITATION

3. Sanitary conditions of 63 restaurants, nine barber shops, 40 ships and 2,707 houses in the Southern Ryukyus inspected during April were found satisfactory.

4. In the Northern Ryukyus 962 cattle, 82 horses, 208 swine and 805 goats were examined in April. All were found free of disease.

MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL AFFAIRS

5. Dispensary patients in Okinawa Gunto continued to increase in March while hospital admissions and discharges remained relatively constant. In the Northern Ryukyus the total dispensary and private physicians' treatments in April increased 20 percent over March.

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

	<u>Okinawa Gunto</u>		<u>Northern Ryukyus</u> ^{a/}	
	<u>February</u> ^{b/}	<u>March</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Dispensary treatments	67,231	71,647	14,012	16,938
Hospital admissions	520	499	18	266
Hospital discharges	416	477	16	18
Remaining in hospital	653	675	-	-

^{a/} Includes treatments by private physicians.

^{b/} Revised.

6. The population of the leper colony on Amami O-shima increased to 189 in March. Prior to the issuance of the Military Government Proclamation requiring lepers to be isolated there were 35 patients in the colony. Since that time 174 patients have been received of whom one died and 19 were released.

7. During April 95 homes were constructed in the Airakuen leper colony to accommodate patients expected to arrive from Japan in May.

8. One hundred physicians of Okinawa Gunto met on 16 April at the Okinawa Central Hospital in Koza and discussed parasitic infestations of school children, retrobulbar neuritis, extra-uterine pregnancy, uterine malignancies, malaria in Kunigami district in 1946 and Rh factor in blood. A resume on cases admitted to hospitals was presented and cases of ascending paralysis, kala azar, sympathetic ophthalmitis and laryngeal paralysis were demonstrated.

9. Of the 495 girls who took entrance examinations for the first-year nursing course in April 50 were selected; 25 will be trained at the Okinawa Central Hospital, 15 at the Nago Hospital and 10 at the Jinuza Hospital.

SUPPLY

10. Three hundred eighty metric tons and 12,000 cases of excess medical supplies were transferred from a U. S. Army medical depot to the Civilian Medical Warehouse on Okinawa Gunto. The supplies were inspected and inventoried and will be prepared for distribution.

11. Seven hundred six pounds of 10 percent DDT dust, 22,398 gallons of five percent DDT residual-effect spray and 1,745 gallons of penite were expended on Okinawa Gunto.

12. Forty metric tons of medical supplies were distributed in April to the Public Health Department of the Provisional Government of the Northern Ryukyus by the Civilian Medical Warehouse on Okinawa for redistribution to qualified medical personnel and for use in the civilian hospitals and dispensaries.

Seven hundred cases of vitamins were turned over to the Education Department for distribution to school children.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE

Welfare

13. Ryukyuans on relief in April numbered 43,148, a decrease of 254 from the previous month. Approximately 85 percent of the total were children under 15 years old and persons over 60 years of age.

PERSONS ON RELIEF

April

Children under 15 years old	30,132
Persons over 60 years old	6,358
Women with children	3,831
Invalids	1,680
Deformed	999
Pregnant women	148
Total	43,148

14. A meeting of all chiefs of orphanages and homes for the aged was held at the Koza Orphanage on 3 April to discuss methods of improving sanitation, health and dietary conditions of inmates in government institutions. Also discussed were education of inmates, entertainment, safety, institution management, staff supervision and financial accounting.

Resettlement

15. Land released from military installations during March and April for resettlement and cultivation by Okinawans totaled 2,183.1 acres.

LAND RELEASED

March - April

(acres)

<u>Village</u>	<u>For Resettlement</u>	<u>For Cultivation</u>
Kochinda	57.9	0
Urasoe	843.0	49.6
Mawashi	0	786.2
Mizato	227.3	0
Kin	0	549.6
Maebaru	661.2	0
Naha	8.3	0

16. In March 4,222 persons were resettled on Ie-shima. This island was devastated during the war and no one had lived there for the past two years, but in February approximately 500 laborers were sent to the island to build housing facilities and prepare for the resettlement of approximately 6,500 persons. The Military Government sent 30,000 board feet of lumber and 100,000 rations to the island in March.

17. The Land Claims Committee of the Civilian Administration, which was organized to re-establish land ownerships on Okinawa, had 1,560 members in March. The committee is making surveys of all land by assigning teams to each village.

Provisions for determining land rights on Okinawa were first established in February 1946 by a U. S. Naval Military Government directive which stated that land owners shall submit a declaration of ownership with a description of the land claimed, witnessed by two former neighborhood landowners. The village was charged with the responsibility of investigating and recording all public lands and all land whose ownership could not be established by claims of the former owners.

18. There were 2,627 persons on the Daitos occupying 528 homes, which is slightly less than the estimated housing capacity of 2,904. A survey of living conditions in the islands showed that housing, public utilities and roads are at prewar standards and new construction is not necessary unless the population is increased by resettlement programs.

19. An inspection of Tori-shima, west of Okinawa, in April showed that there were 170 persons living in the island with adequate food supplies and satisfactory living conditions.

REPATRIATION

20. Ryukyuans repatriated from Japan from 3 March to 27 April numbered 2,276 while 59 persons were evacuated to Japan from the Ryukyus. The total number of Ryukyuans repatriated by 27 April was 207,967. See chart, following page.

VITAL STATISTICS

21. The census of the Ryukyus on 1 March showed that there were 833,074 persons of whom 510,462 were on Okinawa Gunto, 211,057 in the Northern and 111,555 in the Southern Ryukyus.

22. Births in the Ryukyus in March numbered 1,718 and deaths totaled 940, compared with 1,785 and 1,010 respectively in February.

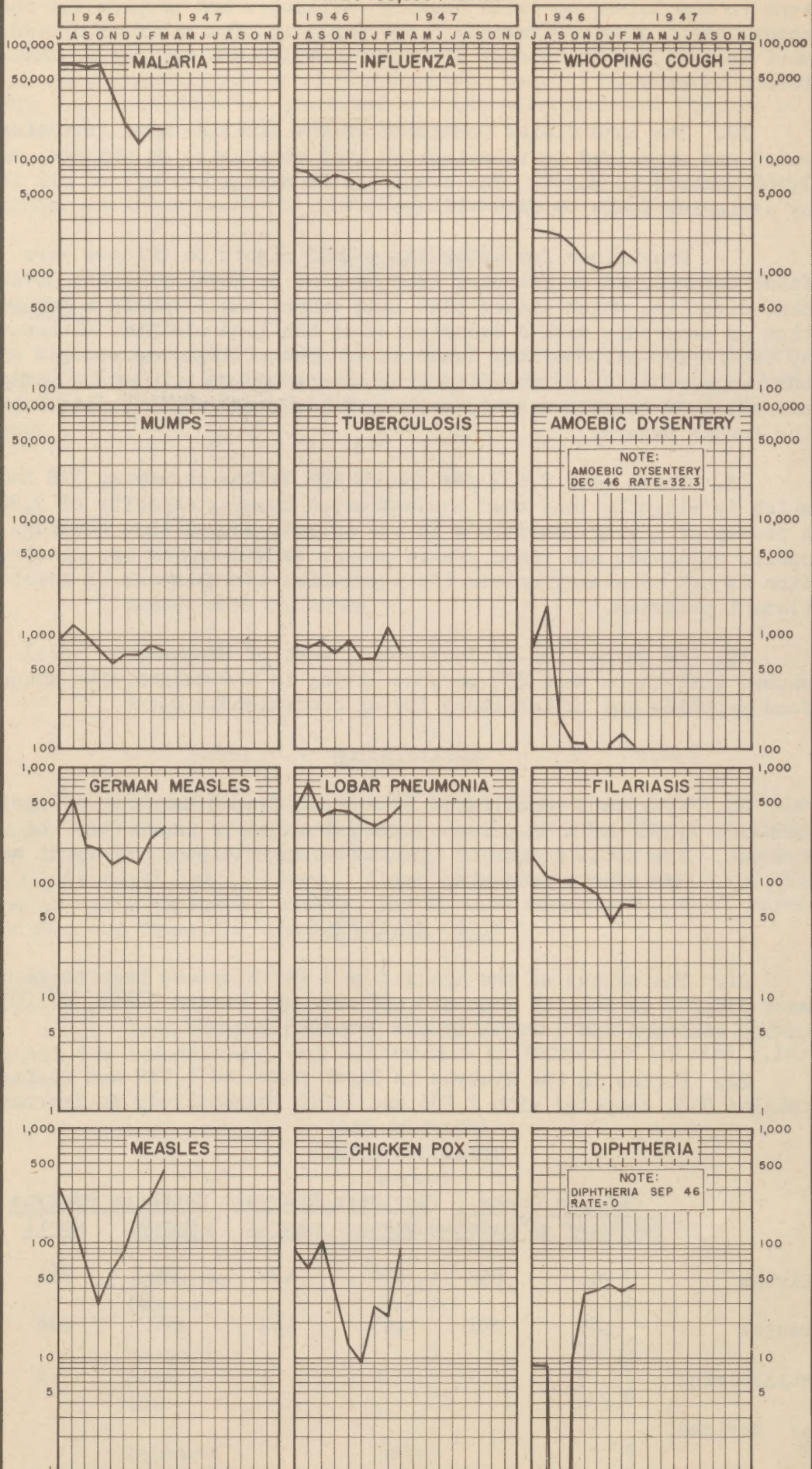
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Births	996	858	566	494	294	361
Deaths	285	292	447	462	201	236
Stillbirths	7	7	0	1	-	1

a/ Revised.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES*

SINCE JULY 1946
RATE / 100,000 / ANNUM



* OKINAWA GUNTO ONLY.
NOTE: ON SEMILOGARITHMIC CHARTS EQUAL RISES OR FALLS INDICATE EQUAL PERCENTAGE CHANGES.
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